

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-17. (Cancelled)

18. (New) A system for providing information in a motor vehicle as a function of the state of a driver, said system comprising:

 a device for sensing objective load factors which act on the driver,

 a device for sensing driver activities,

 a device for sensing driver-specific driver characteristics which

 influence the driving of the vehicle,

 an information processing unit for generating an information profile

 as a function of the objective load factors which act on the driver, the

 driver activities and the specific driver characteristics which influence the

 driving of the vehicle, and

 an output device for outputting information determined from the

 information profile.

19. (New) The system for providing information according to claim 18, further comprising a characteristic diagram, stored in a data memory for workload classification whereby, the information processing unit determined the workload level of the driver as a function of the load factors, the driver activities and the driver characteristics which influence the driving of the vehicle, and the information is output as a function of the determined workload level.

20. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 19, wherein the workload is classified in terms of at least one of a visual, acoustic and haptic workload.

21. (New) The system for providing information according to claim 18, wherein, in order to sense the driver activities, the driving maneuvers, which are initiated by at least one of the driver and the operator control element, actuation operations which are performed by the driver are detected.

22. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 18, wherein the device for sensing the driver-specific driver characteristics which influence the driving of the vehicle senses short-term driver characteristics.

23. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 18, wherein the device for sensing the driver-specific driver characteristics which influence the driving of the vehicle senses long-term driver characteristics.

24. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 18, wherein the information processing unit determines the type of information which is to be output.

25. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 18, wherein the information processing unit determines the time when the information which is to be output is output.

26. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 18, wherein the information processing unit determines at least one of the amount of information and the information density.

27. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 18, wherein the information processing unit outputs the information as at least one of visual and acoustic and haptic data.

28. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 22, wherein the visual data is output as at least one of text data and symbolic data and graphics and videos.

29. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 28, wherein the information processing unit determines the length of the text data.

30. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 18, wherein functions are triggered by means of operator control elements and said functions are categorized into operator control options of differing extent and are stored in a data memory and a selection device is provided for determining an operator control option as a function of the load factors, the driver activities and the driver characteristics which influence the driving of the vehicle.

31. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 30, wherein an input device is provided for carrying out the selected operator control option.

32. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 31, wherein the input device has means for operator control input, the information processing unit determining the type of operator control input.

33. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 30, wherein the selected operator control option includes at least the functions which are necessary for driving.

34. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 18, wherein the information which is to be output includes vehicle state information, operator control information, information relating to the surroundings and warning messages as well as information from communications devices.

35. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 22, wherein the short-term driver characteristics include at least one of degree of tiredness, the degree of stress, the degree of distraction, the emotional state and the state under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

36. (New) The system for providing information as claimed in claim 23, wherein the long-term driver characteristics include driving properties comprising at least one of driving style, driving competence, nervousness, anxiousness, state of health, reaction capability and readiness to act.